WORDS IN THE KINGS MAIESTIES LETTERS PATENTS CONCERNING THE LOTTERY.

THat it ſhall and may be lawfull, to and for *Michael Parker*, and *Everard Mainwaring*, and either of them, their and either of their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſsignes, with the privitie and allowance of Sir *Henry Mildmay* of *Mouls-ham*, in the County of Eſſex Knight, and Sir *Hugh Hamerſley* Knight and *Alderman* of London, to publiſh, or cauſe and procure to be publiſhed in Writing or in Print, either in their or either of their name or names, by vertue of the ſaid Letters Pattents, the Lottery or Lotteries in all Cities, Townes, Burroughes, Thorough-faires and other places within our Realme of England, or in as many of them as they ſhall thinke fit, for the bringing of certaine ſprings of cleere and wholeſome water in a cloſe Aquaduct of bricke, unto and for the uſe of the Cities of London, Weſtminſter, and the ſuburbs of the ſame. And wee will and command all Mayors, Iuſtices of Peace, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Conſtables, and other our Officers and loving Subjects whatſoever, that in no wiſe they hinder, diſturbe or delay the Progreſſe or proceeding of the ſaid Lottery or Lotteries, but be therein and touching the Premiſes aiding and aſsiſting by all honeſt, good and lawfull meanes and indeavours.

By His MAJESTIES ſaid *Patentees.*

The Lotterie to be kept in Holborne neere the ſigne of the Blacke Swan, doth containe ninety ſeven thouſand one hundred and fifty Blankes which at twelve pence a peece commeth to foure thouſand eight hundred fifty ſeaven pounds tenne ſhillings, and the number of prizes which are mingled with the ſaid blankes are three thouſand three hundred and fifty, which amounts unto two thouſand three hundred two pounds and ten ſhillings, all which according to the number ſhall bee preſently paid to the winners, in Plate, the gilt being rated at five ſhillings nine pence: ſixe ſhillings, and ſixe ſhillings three pence the ounce, and the white plate, at five ſhillings and foure pence, and five ſhillings and ſixe pence the ownce: whereby all men may perceive the ſaid Plate is not overvalued, and the ſmalleſt Prizes of five and ten ſhillings ſhall be paid in ready mony. The adventure for every Lot is twelve pence. For which every one ſhall have his Lot preſently drawne by a Child eſpecially choſen by the two Overſeers, only to avoyd confuſion and diſorder, if every one ſhould preſſe to draw his owne Lot.

The Lottery beginneth the fourth day of *November* 1635.

The poore are forbidden to hazard their moneys, and to take notice of the diſadvantage, being twenty nine blankes to a Prize, and all other perſons are required (by vertue of His Majeſties Letters Patents) not to reproach or hinder this buſineſſe (it being in their owne choyce to adventure or not) and conſidering the money gained is not for any private uſe, but wholly and only to bee imployed about the ſaid Water-workes, ſo uſefull and commodious unto the Cities of *London* and Weſtminſter and the places adjacent, and conſequently for all His Majeſties ſubjects in generall, who upon their needfull occaſions dayly and continually reſort thither, being a worke ſo Honourable, that in the ſecond of the *Kings*, *Chapter* twenty, *Verſe* twenty; amongſt many other the Honourable Acts of good King *Hezekiah*, there is particular mention made of his bringing Water into the City.

That (beſides that all the Officers imployed about the Lottery are ſworne for their faithfull and upright dealing) to the end it may appeare how impoſsible it is that there ſhould be any deceite therein, or any defrauded of his right: Wee intreate all perſons to obſerve theſe three points. Firſt, that His MAIESTIES two Overſeers the ſaid Sir *Henry Mildmay*, and Sir *Hugh Hamerſley*, together with *Thomas Wiſeman* Eſquier, whom the Right Honourable the Lord MAYOR hath appointed to be preſent, have peruſed the number of Prizes and blankes, and can teſtifie that they accord both with this publication, and the Lottery booke, ſealed with the Seale of the Overſeers and *Patentees*, and ſubſcribed by the Overſeers and *Patentees*, and that the blankes exceed not the number above expreſſed. Secondly, that the ſaid Overſeers in preſence of *Thomas Wiſeman* appointed by the Lord MAYOR have mingled all the ſaid blankes and Prizes together, and can teſtifie upon their owne knowledge that no one Prize by any fraud is left out, neither is there any peece of Plate ſet up in the Lottery houſe which is not contained in the Lottery boxe, and to be drawne for him whoſe fortune may be ſo good. And laſtly, the Boxe of Prizes being double locked is kept every night by the Overſeers, or one of them, and ſealed up by one of the *Patentees*, and the keyes of the Lottery Boxe, are kept by the two Gentlemen which daily ſit to witneſſe fayre proceedings, which courſe every day and night ſhall be conſtantly obſerved, during the drawing of the Lottery, wiſhing all Adventurers, that truſt others to fetch their *Lots*, to require that they be ſent unto them ſealed up in a paper with a Seale uſed for the ſame purpoſe, by the which meanes they cannot be changed, but every one ſhall then be aſſured that he hath his right.

GOD ſave the KING.